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COLE et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1634
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Application No.: 10/802,796	)	Examiner: Unassigned
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Filed: March 18, 2004	)	
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For: A METHOD FOR ISOLATING A	)	Confirmation No.: 6307
POLYNUCLEOTIDE OF INTEREST	)	
FROM THE GENOME OF A	)	
MYCOBACTERIUM USING A BAC-	)	
BASED DNA LIBRARY, APPLICATION	)	
TO THE DETECTION OF	)	
MYCOBACTERIA	)	
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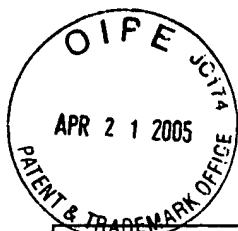
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